

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

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| BOBBY RAY COLLINS, |) | |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
| v. |) | No. 2:09-cv-247-WTL-TAB |
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| THOMAS WEBSTER, M.D., et al., |) | |
| |) | |
| Defendants. |) | |

Entry Discussing Request to Proceed on Appeal In Forma Pauperis

The plaintiff's request for leave to proceed on appeal *in forma pauperis* (dkt 91) is **denied**. An appeal may not be taken *in forma pauperis* if the trial court certifies that the appeal is not taken in good faith. 28 U.S.C. § 1915; see *Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438 (1962). "Good faith" within the meaning of § 1915 must be judged by an objective, not a subjective, standard. *Id.* There is no objectively reasonable argument which the plaintiff could present to argue that the disposition of this action was erroneous—nor does his request for leave to proceed on appeal *in forma pauperis* even suggest such an argument. In pursuing an appeal, the plaintiff "is acting in bad faith . . . [because] to sue in bad faith means merely to sue on the basis of a frivolous claim, which is to say a claim that no reasonable person could suppose to have any merit." *Lee v. Clinton*, 209 F.3d 1025, 1026 (7th Cir. 2000).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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